

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS WITHOUT MARKINGS

IN THE DRAWING:

Fig. 3 has been amended.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-11 in favor of new claims 12-19 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Newly submitted claims 12-19 correspond to claims 1-8 which are part of the original International PCT application PCTDE2004/002545 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it with proper headings and to delete any reference to a particular claim number.

Applicant has also amended Fig. 3 to show all claim limitations. A new drawing sheet labeled "REPLACEMENT SHEET" is submitted. More specifically, Fig. 3 has been amended to show the self-adjusting restraining or tensioning mechanism, now labeled with reference number "200", of each mat cartridge and the height adjustment, now labeled with reference number "100" and "101", of the lagging manipulator. The specification has been amended to make it consistent with the changes to Fig. 3.

A substitute specification which includes all the foregoing changes to the specification (other than the claims) is enclosed herewith.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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